



PTO/SB/08A (08-03)

Approved for use through 07/31/2008. OMB 0851-0031  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no person is required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO

# INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

## Complete if Known

Application Number	10/798,205
Filing Date	03/11/2004
First Named Inventor	Larry P. Backes
Art Unit	3681
Examiner Name	
Attorney Docket Number	M404

Sheet 1 of 1

## U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)			
[Handwritten initials]		US- 4,728,103	03-01-1998	Fulton	—
		US- 5,582,579	12-10-1996	Chism	—
		US- 6,206,807 B1	03-27-2001	Cowans	—
		US- 6,368,258 B1	04-09-2002	Emlaw	—
		US- 6,602,216 B1	08-05-2003	Nordt, III	—
		US- 2,467,943	<del>06-19-1946</del>	Mikell	4/19/1949
		US- 6,379,321 B2	04-30-2002	Gaylord	—
		US- 4,251,070	02-17-1981	Leseberg	—
		US- 5,399,155	03-21-1995	Strassburg	—
		US- 324,498	08-18-1885	Surbaugh	—
		US- 5,887,591	03-30-1999	Powell	—
		US- 5,776,090	07-07-1998	Bergmann	—
		US- 6,110,078	08-29-2000	Dyer	—
		US- 6,210,348 B1	04-03-2001	Reed	—
		US- 3,834,694	09-10-1974	Pridgen	—
		US- 5,167,601	12-01-1992	Frappier	—
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			

MA3  
11/27

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages Or Relevant Figures Appear	T <sup>4</sup>
		Country Code <sup>3</sup> -Number <sup>4</sup> -Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)				

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	9-28-05
--------------------	--	-----------------	---------

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. <sup>1</sup> Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup> See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov) or MPEP 901.04. <sup>3</sup> Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup> For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup> Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. <sup>6</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.

562  
3247  
2670